

## Fighting subsidies on Lebanon fronts

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent and Agencies

Fighting on Lebanon's main battle fronts subsided yesterday, giving rise to reports that a cease-fire might be concluded — the 58th in Lebanon's 18-month civil war.

The Arab League's special envoy to Lebanon, Dr. Hassan Sabri el-Kholy, was reported last night to be trying to persuade the Syrians and the Lebanese allies to hold an early meeting with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) so as to bring about a truce and enable Lebanon's president-elect, Elias Sarkis, to take over the administration on the due day, September 23. Unconfirmed reports said that the Syrian Premier, Gen. Abdul-Rahman Khleifawi, PLO chief Yasser Arafat, and Sarkis himself had agreed to attend such a meeting, due to be held later this week at the Lebanese border town of Chouf.

In Cairo, President Anwar Sadat conferred yesterday with Lebanon's moderate Moslem Premier, Rashid Karami, and was due to meet this morning with the Christian Phalangist leader, Pierre Gemayyel. Both Karami and Gemayyel, who maintain close relations with Syria, were reported to be seeking Sadat's help to get the PLO forces to withdraw from populated areas in Lebanon so as to avert a showdown between them and the Christians and also the Syrians.

Christian and conservative Moslem leaders have been calling for a PLO withdrawal as a prelude to reviving Lebanon's state authority within the framework of a political settlement prepared by the Syrians, whose troops now control much of Lebanon's northern and eastern regions.

Despite its possible agreement to a truce, the PLO is thought likely to back an overall political settlement pending the holding of an Arab summit conference next month. Several Arab countries support the PLO and their leftist allies in Lebanon. The Arab League announced last night that the summit has been set for October 18. It is planned to hold the meeting in Cairo.

Observers said yesterday that the PLO is trying to play Egypt against Syria. The observers said that Syria was still likely to adopt the military option against the PLO-leftist alliance if current political efforts to settle the Lebanese strife fail.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy said in an interview to be published today that Syria's invasion of Lebanon has resulted in a de facto partition of the country and a peaceful Israeli takeover of the southern part.

In an interview with Cairo's "Al-Ahram" newspaper, Fahmy said: "There are no boundaries between southern Lebanon and Israel."

On the Arab-Israeli conflict, Fahmy said that he expected a quickening of Middle East peace-keeping activity if President Ford is elected next November. He added that Ford was familiar with the conflict, whereas Democratic Party candidate Jimmy Carter would need time to get acquainted with the situation if he were elected.

## Israel distressed at Callaghan comment

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Britain's Prime Minister, James Callaghan, has declined to commit his government to support the English-language version of UN Resolution 242. Although Israeli officials are disappointed, they do not believe there has necessarily been any change in British policy. The English-language version called for Israel withdrawal from "territories" occupied during the Six-Day War. Britain submitted this resolution to the Security Council in November 1967. A subsequent French-language version referred to Israeli withdrawal from "the territories."

In a recent interview published in "Migvan," periodical of the Beit Berl Labour college, Callaghan was asked: "Britain was the sponsor of Security Council Resolution 242 and (former premier) Harold Wilson has stated clearly that the British version of this resolution was the correct one. Do you uphold that position, and will Britain oppose any attempt at the UN to change the original intent and meaning of that resolution?" Mr. Callaghan avoided supporting either version. He told interviewer David Seligman: "Security Council Resolution 242, together with Resolution 338 (approved after the Yom Kippur war) remain the cornerstone of British Middle East policy. We shall oppose any attempt to supplant these resolutions, which command wide support in the UN as the basis for a negotiated settlement. We have also made clear our view that the right of the Palestinian people to the expression of their national identity must be recognized."

This appears to be a departure from Wilson's policy — or at least from his formulation of it. Wilson, who was prime minister in 1967, told a Labour Party central committee meeting in Tel Aviv on December 27, 1972: "If our government had meant 'all we would have said' 'We would never have wanted to say it anyway. And if we had, it wouldn't have been passed.'"

Former British Foreign Secretaries George Brown and Michael Stewart made similar statements during the years following 1967. Post Diplomatic Correspondent David Landau adds: Officials in Jerusalem noted the lukewarm tone of Premier Callaghan's formulation on this point, but they did not believe it necessarily marks a change of policy. They acknowledged that Callaghan could easily have cited the pro-Israeli interpretations of 242 voiced by his predecessors. His failure to do so was distressing — but at the same time, as one veteran observer pointed out, he could just as easily have referred to the anti-Israel statement of the Sixth of November 1973, and he did not do so. (That statement, signed by British's Tory government, called on Israel "to end the territorial occupation which it has maintained since 1967.")

## Peres not bowing out of premiership race

By DAVID LANDAU Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Shimon Peres has not necessarily resigned himself to another term in the "number two spot" — despite reports to that effect apparently emanating from the Rabin camp. Sources close to the Defence Minister's camp firmly denied such rumours last night.

According to the reports, Rabin and Peres have held two lengthy take-a-breath over the past 10 days, openly discussing the future of the party leadership. Rabin, the reports say, gave Peres to understand that if the Defence Minister openly challenged him for the leadership, and failed — he stood to lose the Defence portfolio too.

Peres, the reports add, was impressed by this consideration and left Rabin with the impression that he would not in the end make a play for the premiership, but would rest content in his present post.

The sources close to the Peres camp denied knowledge of any such conversation, having taken place. As to the Premier's imputed threat, these sources pointed out that it "cut both ways": If Peres did decide to fight, and won, Rabin's role in a future cabinet would not necessarily be a forgone conclusion.

## Syrian soldier defects

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

A Syrian private defected to Israeli-controlled territory on the Golan Heights Monday afternoon under a hail of Syrian bullets. The man, whose name has not yet been released, was injured in the hand and the leg. He is reported to be in good condition at an unspecified Israeli hospital.

The incident occurred near Tel Farris, on the Heights, at 1 p.m. on Monday, when Israeli soldiers suddenly noticed an armed Syrian

running towards the border over a marked minefield. Syrian soldiers pursuing the defector stopped short of the minefield and opened fire. Israeli troops responded by firing a few shots in the general direction of the minefield and putting up a smoke screen to protect the fugitive. Little is known as to why the soldier decided to defect, but unofficial sources say that he decided to make a break across the border after a serious argument with his comrades. His name is expected to be disclosed this morning.

## East-ditch bid to hold off new car rates

By ASHER WALLFISH Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee made a last-ditch effort yesterday to stave off implementation of the car-insurance rates under the new no-fault law, due to come into effect on the eve of Rosh Hashana, September 24.

However, the Committee's prospects of success are fairly slim since the only way out of the impasse now would be for the Government to call the Knesset into a special session before Rosh Hashana. The no-fault law's big increases in premiums have caused resentment both among the driving public and in the public transport sector. But Knesset Members were stung into action only when they themselves, after handing the law to legislators, suddenly got their own insurance bills and realised what they had done.

The Finance Committee, meeting yesterday in a stormy two-hour session, decided to ask the Government to find a way to defer the new premiums for two months — till November 25. It also decided to set up a special sub-committee, to study the financial implications of the new law and see whether the new rates were consonant with those implications.

If the Government refuses to convene the Knesset and table an amendment to the law, the Likud plans to call a special session on its own, table a motion for the Government to rescind the law, and then to charge that it is delaying an unanimous decision of the Finance Committee, on which it has a majority.

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## Protest at army land closures on West Bank

Protests are growing on the West Bank over the closure by the army of lands near El-Bira, Beit Jala and other areas, including a strip separating Hebron from Kiryat Arba.

Arab informants said that the military authorities have closed down some 1,500 dunam near El-Bira, north of Jerusalem, and another 400 outside Beit Jala, west of Bethlehem.

Despite efforts by The Jerusalem Post to obtain a clearcut official response, no information was made available by late last night.

The Mayor of El-Bira, the twin town of Ramallah, yesterday staged a sit-in strike outside the military government offices in the town in protest against the takeover of land by the army. The mayor, Haj Ibrahim Suleiman, was accompanied by 25 landowners whose property is said to have been affected by the army closure of nearby lands.

A resident of El-Bira was arrested earlier for attempting to construct a building in closed land in defiance of military measures.

## Zim crewman dies, nine hurt in N.Y. accident

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The bosun of the Zim container ship Zim-Gem, Mordechai Adiri, of Haifa, was killed, and nine crew members were injured in a traffic accident in New York after midnight on Monday.

The Zim spokesman said here that a mini-bus in which the crewmen were travelling was in collision with a tanker truck. The injured were taken to hospital in New York. Adiri leaves a wife and two children.

The injured are: Alexander Alon, Eliahu-Hanan Kobay Adiri, Abraham Bracha, Shabtai Goldschmidt, Rahamin Khoury, Yosef Toledano, Menashe Turgy and Alberto Palo.

The Zim-Gem was berthed in New York, and was scheduled to sail for the Far East last night, after completing loading and discharging. She would be held up for a day by rescue crewmen could be flown from Israel, the spokesman said.

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## Nurses set to begin strike this morning

Doctors vow to follow suit in month

Jerusalem Post Staff

All the country's nurses — in hospitals, clinics, public health departments and elsewhere — are to go on strike as of seven a.m. this morning to support their pay claims. The nurses have not said how long their strike will last.

Meanwhile, hospital doctors yesterday were in the second day of their own work-to-rule, mainly affecting outpatient clinics, where many doctors are not obliged by contract to receive patients. A stormy meeting of 350 doctors in Tel Aviv resolved that all hospital doctors in the country will submit their resignations in a month if the Government does not answer their demands for higher pay and a lighter work-load.

Last night the Nurses Union rejected an appeal to cancel the stoppage from Health Minister Victor Shemtov, who said the Government had offered them just as much before the strike as it would be able to offer them afterwards. The union, which is dominated by Kupat Holim nurses, also rejected Histadrut urgings that they call off the strike.

(All Histadrut factions except Rakah and the Black Panthers yesterday morning opposed the strike.)

The nurses said they resented pro-

posals raised in the Histadrut's Trade Union Department that negotiations centre on wage increases only to hospital nurses and thus split their ranks.

The Nurses Union said its members will work as if on an emergency footing, and promised that the stoppage would not cause any danger to life.

The Health Ministry has meanwhile organised public information headquarters for enquiries about hospitals arrangements. Dr. Horn and Shani will answer enquiries at 02-35339 and 02-38212 in Jerusalem daily, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

At a press conference in his Jerusalem office yesterday, Health Minister Shemtov said he did not believe in resorting to back-to-work orders for the nurses — or for the doctors, whose work to rule has not yet had a major effect.

Shemtov said the Government wanted to solve the shortage of nurses in hospitals, and was thus offering the hospital nurses cash benefits of IL500 a month if they sign a three-year contract. They would also get IL600 more a month for three children under the age of 12, to cover child care and home expenses. The rates would be relatively lower for a two-year contract, and for nurses with fewer children, he explained. The problem, he said, that the nurses wanted

across-the-board increases for all in their profession and not just for those in the hospitals. Shemtov said the Government could not budge one inch because the whole wage front would collapse. It could however offer more money under the Barkai Committee's recommendations, in return for a contractual commitment to certain classes of nurses.

If the nurses reconsidered their "basty" strike decision and accepted the proposals, the entire scheme could be put into operation by October 1, he said.

Also at the press conference, Ephraim Yermans, the Treasury's wages commissioner, said the nurses were demanding a general wage increase amounting to IL650m. or 150 per cent. They had submitted a list of 13 demands which were unprecedented in any previous wage negotiation and which were totally out of line with the Government's policy of public sector wages, he claimed.

Yermans said it was true that all nurses worked hard and that all deserved understanding. But they could only be helped in the next collective wage agreement, perhaps. The present collective agreement specified a two and a half per cent increase for everyone, plus special arrangements under the

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## Engineers go for arbitration, but threaten action

TEL AVIV. — Engineering union leaders threatened "vigorous" action at a press conference at Beth Sokolow yesterday, if the Government does not agree to their wage claims within 10 days.

They expressed their readiness, however, to accept the suggestion of the chairman of the Histadrut professional affairs committee, Gideon Ben-Yisrael, that an arbitrator or arbitrators be appointed.

Ben-Yisrael told the press conference that arbitration had become necessary because the Barkai Committee had ceased to function, and the decision of the ministerial committee on wages on the question of the engineers was "full of loopholes and contradictions."

Leaders of the union charged the government with dragging out negotiations with the engineers since September 21 last year, when the government and the Histadrut decided jointly to refer the problem to the Barkai Committee. The committee reported on May 6.

Meanwhile the country's lifeguards are to refrain from strikes or work-to-rule action between now and 1978, following the signing of a nationwide work agreement between them and the Union of Local Authorities.

No progress was reported by late last night in the wage benefit dispute between tax department employees and the Treasury.

Top Treasury officials and leaders of the 6,000 tax men sat all day long and into the night, as they had done on Monday.

The workers are demanding job-grade promotions, bonus pay based on norms-and-premiums and extra pay for new types of work such as value added tax duties.

## Olympics builder is fraud suspect

MONTREAL. — The head of the consortium which built the Olympic village, Joseph Zappa, for the 1976 summer games is suspected of fraud in connection with the construction of the \$65m. project.

He has been ordered to appear in court in December. (AP)



Today's instalment of MOSHE DAYAN'S "Story of My Life"

tells of the launching of the Sinai Campaign, four days after the final decision was reached in Paris, with a paratroop drop over the Mitla Pass.

Another instalment will appear on Friday.

## LETTERS

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## Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday swore in Justice Moshe Landau as permanent deputy to the Supreme Court president in the presence of Chief Justice Yehoshua Kahan, Justice Minister Haim Zadok, former Chief Justice Shimon Agranat, and the director of courts, Judge Moshe Nachshon.

Labour Minister Moshe Baran, Golda Meir and some 50 other Labour Party stalwarts last night attended a party in Jerusalem in honour of Ya'acov Maimon, winner of the 1976 Israel Prize for his volunteer work in helping new immigrants learn Hebrew.

The former Colombian Foreign Minister, Dr. Luis Humberto Salamanca, and the editor-in-chief of the Colombian daily, "El Tiempo," Dr. Enrique Santos Castillo, met with the Clerk of the Knesset, Netanel Lorch, at his office yesterday. Earlier Mr. Lorch received a delegation of British Labour Party Members of Parliament who are touring Israel.

Agnar Jonsson, non-resident Icelandic Ambassador, yesterday met with Prof. Shimon Agranat, Foreign Ministry Director-General.

The Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce (Israel) will hold a luncheon at the Basel Hotel, Tel Aviv, at 1.15 p.m. today in honour of Alf Morris, M.P., parliamentary under-secretary, and Sam Davies, C.M.G., under-secretary, both of the Department of Health and Social Security, Great Britain.

Prof. Gabriel Warburg, Haifa University Rector, will speak on "The Sudan and the Middle East" at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Wolf Blitzer, the Washington Correspondent of The Jerusalem Post, will speak on "U.S.-Israel Relations During and After the Election Year" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, 1 p.m. today, at the YMCA.

## Sanhedriya Park saved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The municipality plan for extension of Sanhedriya Park was approved yesterday by the District Planning Commission.

The 6-2 vote culminated a five-month-long campaign to revise a previous municipal plan calling for the construction of apartment buildings and a road on the edge of elaborate Second Temple tombs on the park's present periphery.

Under the plan approved yesterday, the park is to be extended 3.1 dunam to the north and east. The extension will cover land previously planned for a 12-metre-wide street and apartment buildings.

Four buildings that were to have been built on the park fringe under the original plan will be relocated to an alternate site in Tel Arza, 200 metres away, under the revised plan.

## 'Johnston tests' at Ashdod III negative

ASHKELON. — The Johnston drill-test conducted at the Ashdod III oil-exploration site have been negative so far.

This report, released by Ilim, has not been confirmed by any other source. Officials of the oil prospecting company are not talking to journalists, who have also been barred from the site.

It was apparently decided yesterday, according to the same Ilim report, to continue the tests in the same bore hole.

LOTTO. — This week's winning Lotto lottery numbers are 08, 09, 10, 16 and 36. The additional number is 18.

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a memorial service will be held tomorrow,

Thursday, Sept. 16, at 3.30 p.m. at Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery.  
We shall meet at the gate.

THE FAMILY

## Trade stopped at 'Good Fence' but tourist business booming

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Trade at the "Good Fence" here between Lebanese and Israeli merchants was non-existent yesterday, following the military governor's decision to change the system for supplying goods to the villages of southern Lebanon.

The military governor was acting on complaints from village headmen and notables that profiteering by Lebanese merchants was soaring, basic commodities were being sold at inflated prices, and some villages were not even receiving their supplies because merchants had found better customers (leftist militiamen and Palestinian terrorists, according to some reports).

The roads in the Metulla orchards close to the border were empty of traffic yesterday, while military government officials got their heads down to working out a new system of distribution.

New arrangements have not yet been finalized, although various plans are being discussed. Whatever system is finally decided upon is likely to go into effect in the next few days.

Lebanese merchants arriving at the gate in the border fence near Metulla turned back when they learned that no merchants would be allowed to enter Israel. But another business has been booming at the fence during the past few days — tourism. While the IDF continued to work dedicatedly round the clock serving the medical needs of southern Lebanese patients have recently been outnumbered by large groups of Israeli and foreign visitors, arriving in tourist buses, taxis and private cars. One worker at an IDF border clinic said the tourists storm innumerable, obstructing doctors and nurses in the course of their work.

Most of the groups are accompanied by IDF officers, and some of them are organized by the Foreign Ministry. One such group, led by a senior Foreign Ministry official, consisted of ministry officials, their wives and children.

A leading American journalist who saw tourists and Israeli visitors photographing wounded and sick Lebanese called it a "macabre scene."

The mobile post van which serves

the clinics has also been overrun in recent days by Israeli philatelists eager to get the "Good Fence" cancellation on their covers. The mobile post workers at Metulla told The Jerusalem Post that only five Lebanese used their services yesterday, because the van was mobbed by Israelis and tourists who bought all the postcards, aerograms and stamps.

An ironic feature of the crowds of German trade unionists in Bermuda shorts, Foreign Ministry officials and hundreds of Israeli Border leaders from the U.S. is the absence of residents of Metulla — who have to get permits from the army if they need to visit the fence.

An officer serving with the military governor told The Post: "We must stop this circus. We have important humanitarian work to do. We deal with tragedies, and we can't allow it to become a pleasure trip for Israelis and tourists."

One Lebanese from the village of Kias summed up the situation bitterly when he said: "We are grateful. We need your help. But if you are going to treat us like monkeys in the zoo, don't forget to bring your peanuts."

UN Ambassador Herzog on S. African ties  
Best defence is good offenceBy DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel plans to cite detailed information on ties between Third World countries and South Africa as a way of hitting back at critics of its own links with Pretoria. The Israeli counter-attack, led by Ambassador Chaim Herzog at the UN General Assembly, will highlight the hypocrisy of singling out Israel for attack in this regard, when the majority of states, including Black Africa states and Eastern European countries, have broad and lucrative links with South Africa.

Saudi Arabia, for instance, one of Israel's most vociferous assailants, exports large quantities of oil each year to South Africa. Twenty-two Black African states import over \$600m. worth of goods from South Africa annually, the goods being "laundered" via Swaziland, Lesotho or other friendly Black states.

Ambassador Herzog in Israel this week for consultations prior to the assembly, says he has found attack the best form of defence during his year of service in New York. In the Security Council and in other appearances he has harped nastily on the sensitive soft spots of Israel's detractors, often succeeding in throwing them on the defensive.

Thus, during the recent Entebbe debate, the Pakistani delegate spent much of his speech awkwardly explaining away Herzog's charges that the Awami Party had been illegally banned in Pakistan and its leaders summarily imprisoned.

"It's terribly important to stay in there, fighting and pre-empting," Herzog said in an interview. He supported his point by the Government's decision to boycott the Security Council debate on the Committee of Twenty's report ("Implementation of Palestinian Rights") — but cautioned against staying away too often and thereby foregoing this unparalleled forum for both defence and attack.

The Committee of Twenty's report was vetoed by the U.S. at the Security Council, but it is certain of a smooth passage through the



Chaim Herzog in the Security Council earlier this year. (UPI telephoto)

assembly where there are no veto powers. It recommends, inter alia, the establishment of a Palestinian "national authority" (as the PLO advocates) in the occupied areas, and the return of Palestinian refugees to their homes in Israel.

Herzog says the report is bound to be a focus of bitter assaults on Israel at the assembly by the Arabs and their fellow-travellers. Some Western states who will doubtless reject the report will nevertheless use the opportunity to air their own criticism of Israel's policies — and thus Israel can look forward to a grim struggle.

Far from weakening the PLO's diplomatic position, Herzog expects that organization's military discomfiture in Lebanon to enhance its standing among the Arab delegations at the UN, Syria, which has been physically smulging the PLO in Lebanon, can be expected to seek to "compensate" it at the UN; and other Arab states, though privately now dubious of the PLO's staying

power, will also publicly assert their unwavering support for it.

Most virulently hostile among the Communist and "non-aligned" states has been Yugoslavia, and Herzog expects a continued barrage of bitterness from Belgrade at the assembly. With the country's future so uncertain (Tito, 84, is currently suffering from a severe liver complaint, it was officially admitted this week), Herzog explains, the Yugoslavs apparently want to appear "more royal than the king" in the international arena, taking the lead in every fashionable Third World "radical" cause.

Yugoslavia's anti-Israel record over the past year shows signal dedication:

- At the last assembly it was the only non-Arab country to urge sanctions against Israel.
- At the UNCTAD conference in Nairobi the Yugoslavs were the only non-Arab delegation to walk out when the Israeli envoy spoke.
- In the Entebbe debate at the Security Council Yugoslavia was the only non-African country (apart from Cuba) which thought a member of the council, attended the debate to attack Israel.
- At the Colombo Third World conference Marshal Tito again recommended sanctions against Israel.

Ambassador Herzog believes the German initiative for an anti-hijacking convention "may have a chance of being approved" — if it does not get entangled in the Middle East issue.

"The Germans have done everything possible to avoid that danger. They are carefully not mentioning any Israel-related cases in their presentation, referring only to hijacks with German or OPEC victims. Moreover, they deliberately avoid using the loaded word 'terror'."

Herzog thinks that move has a hope of success because hijacking seems at last to have fallen out of favour even among the most extremist states (witness Libya's refusal to allow the hijacked KLM plane to land at Tripoli).

## Nurses to strike

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Barkai Committee's recommendations on a contractual basis.

If the Government gave in, and so averted the strike, Yermans said, there would be many more strikes ahead and a general wage collapse.

The Government did not see its offer as a wage increase as such, Yermans said, rather as an effort to get married nurses with children back into the hospitals. However, the offer would mean, in real money terms, a wage increase of between 30 and 50 per cent — depending on the period of contract and the

number of children of various ages for which the nurse got allowances.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the Government was ready to make allowances for hospital nurses who can be called in day and night and who are needed to operate sophisticated equipment. But working conditions for nurses in clinics and schools, for example, are no different from those of other workers; and the Government can't tell a school nurse "yes" and the janitor "no," he said. He was addressing the Na'amat convention. (See leader, back page)

## No-fault car insurance

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ance Committee yesterday, said the Committee had been told the new rates would be lower than they turned out to be. But, he said, it had not been told that no-claims bonuses would be abolished or that third-party insurance would have to be paid all in cash in advance.

Ya'acov Pickler, the Treasury's Insurance Commissioner, denied that he had misled the Committee; however, some members told The Post Pickler did not sound convincing.

Pickler also said the no-fault law was too "luxurious" for a poor country like Israel. He said he had suggested that maximum compensation rate for road injury be twice the average salary, but the Law Committee had insisted it be three times the average salary. With people being compensated who never got compensation before, the total additional cost to the economy would be IL\$40m, he estimated, and so insurance bills had to go up.

Pickler strongly denied charges that the insurance companies would make profits on the new law. They were simply acting as agents of the new State insurance organization, called "Avner," he said.

Finance Committee members pointed out that the insurance companies, which collect the cash premiums via the banks, planned to keep the premiums for 45 days before transferring them to "Avner" — and would make handsome profits by this device alone.

The Likud offensive against the no-fault insurance rates was backed by Alignment men like Mecha Harish, Aharon Efrat and Benzion Halifon, as well as by NRP men like Yehuda Ben-Meir and Eliezer Avtavi.

In Tel Aviv, Citizens Rights MK Boaz Mevav called on the Govern-

## Arab leaders will debate Koenig memo

NAZARETH. — Heads of local councils of Arab communities throughout Israel will be invited to meet here next Wednesday to protest the Koenig memorandum on limiting Arab development in Galilee, it was announced yesterday.

The council heads will be asked to consider a one-day strike to protest the Koenig document, city officials said.

The Nazareth City Council also called for Koenig to be dismissed. Some Jewish and Arab demonstrators gathered outside Koenig's office at the Interior Ministry in Upper Nazareth yesterday, but were dispersed by police without incident.

Israel's ambassador to the UN, Chaim Herzog, said on television last night that he was certain that the Koenig memorandum would be taken up at the forthcoming UN General Assembly by the Arab states. Herzog was being interviewed on "Moked." (See interview this page).



New immigrants go for a joyride on a Navy missile boat Monday night. The ride was organized by the Absorption Ministry to get new immigrants together with members of the IDF. (Eliahu Harati)

## ORT Engineering School dedicated in Jerusalem

By MARSHA POMERANTZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The ORT School of Engineering was dedicated yesterday afternoon at an assembly in the multi-million-dollar, three-tiered "castle" on the campus of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In a spacious auditorium beneath a half-glass roof and high windows, a crowd of 1,900 was entertained by a brass band and student choir between talks by Government ministers and ORT leaders.

The school, which opens this fall, will offer courses in grades 10 through 14 — high school and junior college level. Technicians will be required to complete grade 13, and practical engineers (handicraftsmen) will be certified after completing grade 14. About 2,000 students will be admitted this year, half of them adults taking evening courses. Areas of specialization will include industrial technology, re-

search, education, automation, environmental control, defence, and business and services.

The school was planned in co-operation with the university, in the hope of eventually providing two years of credit from the practical engineering programme for students who wish to complete the four-year engineering degree. University staff will teach at the ORT school to be directed by Dan Sharon.

The buildings dedicated yesterday comprise just over half the projected complex, on the boards since 1968.

Among the speakers at the dedication were Education and Culture Minister Aharon Yadin; Labour Minister Moshe Baran; former Prime Minister Golda Meir; Joseph Harnatz, director of ORT in Israel; and Bernard Cherrick, vice-president of the Hebrew University.

## Strike at Beit Safafa school over Jordanian curriculum

By ABRAHAM BARNIOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 75 East Jerusalem students attending the Beit Safafa school are striking to demand the extension to their school of the Jordanian-oriented curriculum being offered this year in East Jerusalem schools.

Beit Safafa is the only one of the 15 East Jerusalem schools with post-elementary classes which offers only the curriculum followed in Israeli Arab schools. In the others, a special "Jerusalem Curriculum" was introduced this year by the Education Ministry and the municipality in response to demands by East Jerusalem educators and students. This curriculum is identical to that offered in Jordanian schools except for five hours of Hebrew and one of civics. It makes it easier for East Jerusalem stu-

dents to go on to universities in Arab countries.

The Israeli Arab curriculum, however, was retained in the school in Beit Safafa, a settlement which until 1967 was divided between Israel and Jordan. Half the students in the school are thus Israeli Arabs while the remainder are from families which have chosen to retain their Jordanian citizenship. It is students from the latter category in grades seven through nine who are striking.

Yosef Gadish, deputy mayor in charge of education, has offered to bus the students to any East Jerusalem school or even to near-by Bethlehem, but the students and their parents are demanding that the "Jerusalem Curriculum" be introduced into the Beit Safafa school along with the Israeli Arab curriculum.

## Zim selling ship to renovate fleet

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Zim is selling one of its seven Matruh-class coasters, the 3,000-ton m.s. Hannah, as part of a fleet-renovation scheme. It was announced yesterday. The ship was built in the Israel Shipyards here 12 years ago, and is expected to fetch about \$1m.

The Zim spokesman told The Post the Matruh coasters have all been amortized already, so that the company is able to sell them at very competitive prices, without losing money on them. The ships are partly unemployed, but Zim is forced to keep them manned under pressure from the unions.

The sale of the ship was made possible by agreement with the Marine Officers Union, following the deployment on the Israel-Europe home route of a new Zim container ship, the Tilla, which provided employment for the Hannah's crew. The union had earlier blocked the sale of these ships and backed up its objections with strike action, pending the introduction of new ships on the same route by Zim.

The Zim spokesman noted that when Israel Shipyards delivers the container ship Sigal next month, additional sales will be possible.

THE ROTARY CLUB of Jerusalem has received a donation of IL\$2,000 from the Rotary chapter in Lunenburg, West Germany, to be given to Magen David Adom, in honour of the IDF rescue operation in Entebbe.

## Two MFC ships sold despite court order

HAIFA. — Two ships of the hard-hit Maritime Fruit Carriers company were sold in Japan yesterday, despite an Israeli court order forbidding the company's creditors to sell the company's ships. This was learned by The Post from a report by Shoshana through London shipping sources.

Shoshana adds that the court order was conditional on MFC providing a IL\$1m guarantee, and that the guarantee was not posted by yesterday afternoon "for technical reasons."

But Oved Ben-Ami, speaking for MFC, said the bank which sold the Sabra Core and Banana Core in Japan was committing an "act of piracy," and added that whoever bought the two ships was probably throwing his money away. Ben-Ami said he did not believe the new "owners" would be able to transfer the titles. (Itim)

## 'Explosives expert' freed

TEL AVIV. — Police yesterday freed the underworld explosives expert detained on Monday in connection with the looting of safe-deposit boxes in a Ramat Gan bank in January.

The 45-year-old man had served a prison sentence for drug trafficking at the same time as the main suspect in the case, Yosef Epstein. This led police to suspect that he helped Epstein perform the spectacular break into the Barclays-Discount bank.

## Rabin Shafir statement Sinai

Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Rabin yesterday said that the Egyptian government's statement on Sunday has emboldened the Egyptian Minister's bureau, with the significance of the Sinai Shafir had Egyptian fortification Suez Canal. The P said the Egyptian fortifying themselves canal immediately crossed it on October 1975, following the separation agreement they built forth for at least five divi.

But Rabin noted, the statement of the agreement fortifying itself in its control.

Shafir had also cited Egyptians brought more than permitted into the Sinai zone. Rabin said he had been resolved.

(Army officials said that criticism of the statement by A. Shafir quoted out of context, said that he supported it in full and that, in the final analysis, it was abiding by it.)

In the morning Na'amat (Working Women's Movement) Jerusalem that the women could stage a social revolution.

Women's participation in the professions was the individual, he said, medicine and science. Those fields face the challenge of Israeli society, by the need to build a community on a level beyond call and the institution.

Though he respected women to be represented in institutions, he thought achievement of Israeli women and organization would be in the Prime Minister's Tamar Eshel, secret Na'amat, gave the key to the movement.

She warned that Israel's women, only one in five, were not in history to be member — former Prime Golda Meir — was cited dozens founding women's organizations the assembly.

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Offer de neglect Kiryat

By AARON SHIMON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Housing Minister Ayalon yesterday decided after his office was not later in development of Kiryat.

The charge had arisen at a recent meeting of the Committee on Settlement Affairs Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who visited the Jewish Home earlier this year. He said his ministry publish a master plan.

There was no need for a master plan. Offer said there was still room for 1,000 more housing units on the 974 already or under construction.

Offer gave the following details of the housing plan: 24 flats converted from existing buildings, 24 flats converted from existing buildings, 24 flats converted from existing buildings, 24 flats converted from existing buildings.

"That's the story of the early housing project in Kiryat," Offer explained. "We advertised that other 200 flats in the area of construction. To this one of those 200 has been sold."

Offer said he could not say why these flats were no sellers, especially since they were sold in Israel for IL\$180,000 each, for three room units. "Very good price terms are available," he said.

According to Offer, it seems to be simply that no one is interested in settling in Kiryat.

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# Spivalids stage sit-in for homes

SHAI POMERANTZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ministry officials last night reached a partial agreement with representatives of some 25 "sit in" on the ministry floor all day, demanding that the government fulfill a promise to build 100,000 new apartments for the disabled by 1985. The agreement, which was reached after a long and tense negotiation, provides for the construction of 10,000 new apartments for the disabled by 1985. The agreement also provides for the construction of 10,000 new apartments for the disabled by 1985.



Some of the handicapped demonstrators in their Housing Ministry sit-in yesterday. (Rahamim Israel)

A ministry official noted last night that the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War complicated the agreement. Many disabled veterans were discharged from hospitals over a year after the war — and therefore after the agreement was made. The Defense Ministry had top priority in the housing search, and the available flats went to veterans. Laish said Jerusalem's hilly topography made it even more difficult to find suitable ground-floor apartments for the handicapped. And the ministry had to find some "common standard" for dealing with the housing needs of persons with various disabilities — including blindness and paraplegia. The demonstrators claimed they had been shunted back and forth between the ministry, the municipality's rehabilitation services, and the state-municipal housing corporation. To be as independent as possible, they said they needed: • Flats spacious enough to allow them to manoeuvre on wheelchairs. • Proximity to the downtown area, since travel is difficult. • Easy purchase terms, since even those with full-time jobs could not afford to make their flats — from bathrooms to closets — manageable.



Moshe Dayan with British disc jockey Jimmy Young in London Monday, before Dayan appeared on Young's "Radio 4" programme. Dayan is in Great Britain to promote his autobiography (now being serialized in The Jerusalem Post).

# Dayan raps policy of splitting Egypt, Syria

LONDON. — Former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan has criticized the Government's policy of trying to split Egypt and Syria, for whose presidents he had some cautious words of praise.

Speaking at a lunch here on Monday to mark the publication of his autobiography, Dayan said of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat, "I think he is a constructive leader." Saying that he had been pleasantly surprised by Syrian President Hafez al-Assad's attitude towards the Palestinians in Lebanon, Dayan added: "Assad would be ready to negotiate something like ending the state of war and settling some of the Syrian refugees in the Kuneitra area, providing he was helped financially by American and international funds, and provided that Russia was included." He noted: "I do not believe in the policy of the present (Israeli) government of splitting Egypt and Syria."

tioned along the canal and had proposed that they should be pulled back. Even now, he was not happy that they were still on the Gulf of Suez. Of the new daily newspaper, "Hayom Hazeh," of which he is editor-in-chief, Dayan stressed that it was not his own paper and that none of his money was tied up in it. A group of investors asked him to take control of its editorial policy and to write the leading articles. "It will be a miracle if it succeeds, but Israel is the land of miracles," he said. (Reuters)

## Orienteers make their own maps

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Israeli Orienteering Society has published the country's first maps especially designed for running races over difficult terrain. The maps are of four popular orienteering race sites: the forests of Ben Shimon and Kfar Hahoreah, and two of the Carmel forests. The maps are of a 1:20,000 scale and detail all the topographic characteristics of concern to orienteers, who run races on difficult terrain, finding their way by the maps. At the end of this year, the Israeli Orienteering Society will host Israel's second international orienteering race, with an expected 200 foreign enthusiasts of the sport arriving here to compete with Israeli orienteers.

# Woman asks probe son's prison murder

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A mother of a man murdered in the Nablus jail has asked the Minister of Justice to order an inquiry into the death of her son. The mother, Mrs. Nimr, said that her son, a political prisoner, was killed in a prison cell. She said that her son was a peaceful man and that he was not involved in any violent activities. She said that she was very sad and that she wanted the government to investigate the death of her son.

tion could not be held responsible for the murder, and that appropriate steps had been taken and were always being taken to ensure the well-being of the prisoners. Nevertheless, the letter added, "it is of course impossible to completely prevent fights among the prisoners and ensuing injury." The applicant has described this reply as "vague" as it contained no details on her son's murder. The mother further maintains that her son had no part in any quarrels and was "liked by the prisoners." Mrs. Nimr claims in her brief that the prison authorities had been warned before her son's death that the prisoner known as "Abu Ziyad" had a knife. Before that, she adds, the prisoner injured several other inmates with an ax. Co-applicant with Maryam Nimr is another political prisoner in Nablus jail. (Itim)

# Ida Nudel will never leave USSR alive

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ida Nudel, a former prisoner of the KGB, has been told by the Soviet authorities that she will never leave the USSR alive. She said that she was very sad and that she wanted the government to investigate the death of her son. She said that her son was a peaceful man and that he was not involved in any violent activities. She said that she was very sad and that she wanted the government to investigate the death of her son.



Ida Nudel

Former Prisoner of Zion David Chernoglass, who emigrated here last year, told The Post that "she is the one person above all others who helped to keep up the prisoners' morale and who constantly maintained touch through letters and parcels." Ida Nudel has been waiting for an exit visa for five years. The KGB contends that, as an economist, she had access to confidential information vital to Soviet security — a fact which she denies.

# by League expanded, now has nine clubs

JACK LEON  
Post Sports Reporter

Nine clubs will compete in the National Rugby League's first season, as compared to only seven in the previous year. The campaign kicks off on September 22, with a fixture between Hibernia and Haifa. The league is being organized by the Rugby Football Union of Israel. The league is being organized by the Rugby Football Union of Israel. The league is being organized by the Rugby Football Union of Israel.

a brief stop-over in conjunction with their proposed European tour — as Currie Cup Champions Northern Transvaal did last year. Also being discussed is a private tour here in March by a high-calibre South African multi-racial team, the Quagga-Barbarians, under the captaincy of former Scottish international Clive Henderson. (Sports Minister Piet Koornhof announced last month that Pretoria had given its official blessing to the Springbok XV scheduled to tour France in 1977 being built on a multi-racial basis for the first time. The French had declined to receive a side comprising only white players.) The IRFU has also made contact with the Frankfurt section of the West German Rugby League with a view to arranging exchange visits. Anyone wishing to play rugby this season should contact either Norman Spiro (Tel. 02-477129) or Monik Troos (02-34090).

## IL180m. development budget for Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The municipality will spend IL180m. this year on development projects, such as roads, schools, kindergartens, playgrounds, day nurseries and other public facilities, the city executive proposed on Monday. Mayor Yeruham Zisel said the development budget was one-fifth smaller than last year's. The city executive also cancelled restrictions on business hours, enabling retail shops to keep open all day and in the evening during the pre-holiday periods.

## District Court judges

Four new judges were appointed on Monday to the District Courts by President Ephraim Katzir. They are Avraham Assa, David Bartov, Arye Hagin, Menahem Ilan and Moshe Talgam.

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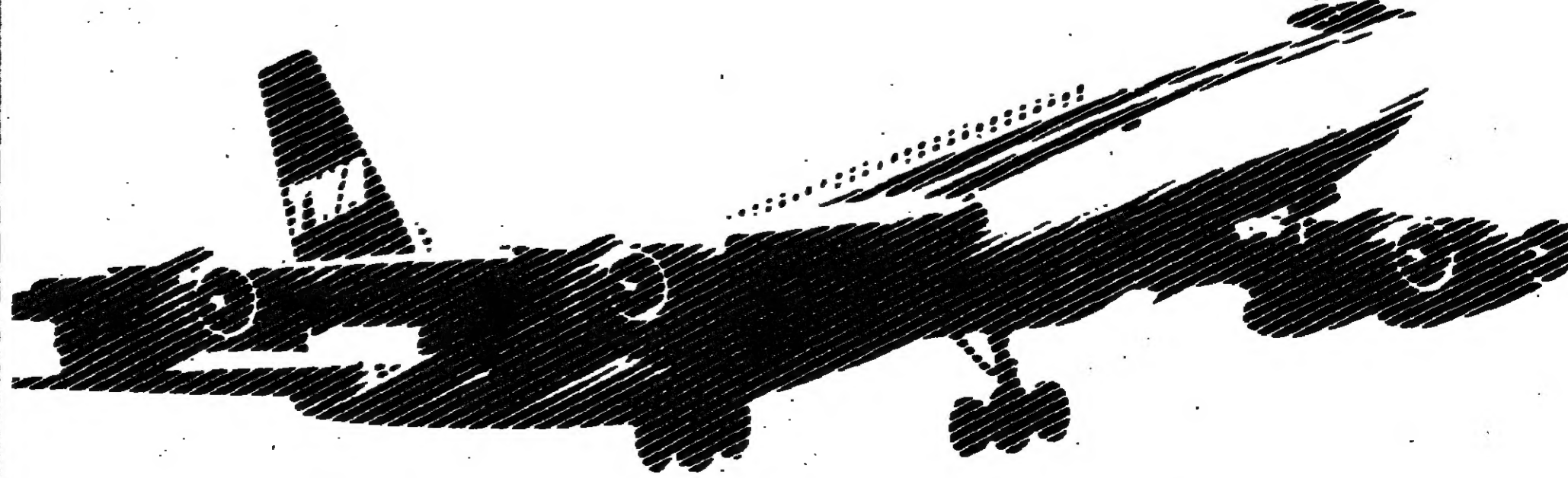
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## Carter firm on Israel in Holydays message

ATLANTA. — A "commitment to a viable Israeli state must be a cornerstone of American foreign policy," Jimmy Carter, Democratic presidential nominee, said in a Rosh Hashana message his office said was for the Jewish people of America, Israel and Jews throughout the world.

"We must supply Israel, unequivocally and in the full amount necessary, with economic and military aid so Israel can pursue peace from a position of strength and be protected against any foreseeable attack," he said.

Carter's message continued: "Peace in the Middle East depends more than anything else on Arab recognition of the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish state. There must be absolute assurance of Israel's survival and security. While there must also be a humane settlement of the Palestinian situation, the Arabs and the world must understand that the Israelis did not cause the Palestinian problem.

"Finally, on the issue of basic human rights, as President of the U.S. I would do everything possible to encourage the Soviet Union to liberalize its emigration policies for Jewish persons," he said.

While campaigning in Phoenix, Arizona, on Monday night, Carter said the U.S. should "ultimately"

establish normal diplomatic relations with China — once the question of the independence of Taiwan is resolved. He also said he opposed UN membership for Vietnam, a position also held by President Gerald Ford.

While Carter was campaigning, Ford was still in Washington, saying he would wait until Congress adjourns before going on the campaign trail.

Observers described Ford's tactics as "being presidential" to remind voters that he is the incumbent.

In response to a question about his election strategy, asked during a television interview, the President said he had to stay in Washington, probably until the first week of October, "to make sure Congress doesn't go off the deep end." Carter has already launched two campaign trips across the country.

Ford is scheduled to make his initial campaign speech tonight at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he attended school. (Reuters, JTA)

## Fraud probe at Bank of England

LONDON. — The Bank of England confirmed yesterday that it has suspended one of its senior officials while Scotland Yard investigates a possible multi-million-dollar fraud.

"There is no question of the Bank prejudging the issue," said a spokesman for the official central government bank.

"But clearly when one man is at the centre of an investigation of this kind it is fairer to himself and his colleagues if he leaves the Bank until the conclusion is known."

Martin Wales, a superintendent in the Bank's foreign exchange control department, was suspended on full pay.

Involved in the case are allegations of a massive swindle involving Britain's foreign-exchange control regulations.

An investigating magazine charged six months ago that accounts were being swindled in manipulation of the dollar premium, a percentage rate that is charged on foreign currency used for investment or property-purchase abroad.

Investigators from the British treasury studied the case for nearly four months before turning it over to the public prosecutor, who called in Scotland Yard. (UPI)

## Magazine: part of deal with Kremlin

## 'K. had CIA fake range figures for Soviet plane'

WASHINGTON. — An aviation magazine says Secretary of State Henry Kissinger ordered the Central Intelligence Agency to "plant" intelligence estimates on the range of the new Soviet "Backfire" bomber so it would appear as an intermediate and not a long-range aircraft.

"Aviation Week and Space Technology" attributed the report on Monday to a "White House staff member and administration officials."

It said Kissinger "directed the Central Intelligence Agency to plant U.S. estimates of the Soviet Tupolev Backfire bomber's capability... (He) ordered that the range-estimate be reduced to coincide with the present position in the strategic arms negotiations now under way behind the scenes."

The Secretary has conceded to the Soviets that Backfire, the Nato code name for the Tupolev jet, will not be considered in the heavy-bomber category in the treaty negotiations, the magazine said. "He is making sure intelligence estimates confirm his position."

Intelligence data on the Backfire were provided to McDonnell-Douglas, and the aerospace firm concluded that it had a range of 3,500 nautical miles (6,500 km.).

But, according to the "Aviation Week" source, "the data provided were not all of the information available to U.S. intelligence officers. Only those data the CIA wanted to provide the company were offered, to provide the desired results supporting Kissinger's position."

McDonnell-Douglas is now doing another analysis for the Pentagon, based on all available information.

"Preliminary results indicate the Backfire's range is closer to the original U.S. intelligence estimate, clearly marking the aircraft in the heavy-bomber category," the magazine said.

This meant that the Backfire should be counted in the 2,400-mile Strategic Delivery Vehicle limit set by President Ford and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev in their Vladivostok summit meeting. (UPI)

## Vietnamese to postpone UN membership bid

UNITED NATIONS. — The Security Council agreed yesterday to postpone debate on the question of UN membership for Vietnam until November, in an apparent effort to avoid a U.S. veto.

The proposal to delay the issue came from the French delegate, Jacques Lecomte, who stated that France had been in contact with the Vietnamese on the matter.

A spokesman for the Vietnamese observer mission told reporters that his government did not object to the deferral. Its response was "a gesture of goodwill in deference to our good friends the French and to the Security Council," the official said.

Apparently as a result of the French initiative, the Council cancelled a scheduled meeting of its membership committee yesterday morning and instead called for private consultations.

U.S. Ambassador William W.

Scranton had announced yesterday on Monday that the Vietnamese applied for about 800 American as missing in action in the subsequent French initiative to postpone was evidently based on that Ford would be under tactical pressure to take on Vietnam after the election.

There was no indication that the Americans had dealt with the Vietnamese on the debate.

Scranton asserted on the intent to veto had to do with the American campaign. But a Vietnamese said: "It is anyone that Mr. Ford is not on American inaction and their fear the vote in his election."

## Rich and poor nations start talking again

PARIS. — Rich and poor nations trying to chart a new world economic order resumed negotiations here yesterday after breaking a two-month deadlock.

Officials described the atmosphere as businesslike as the "North-South dialogue" started again, after the most strained period of its short existence.

The bargaining in the Conference on International Economic Cooperation (CIEC), which brings together the major Western industrial states, big oil exporters and developing nations, began in July.

Weeks of intense secret consultations, headed by conference co-chairmen Allan MacEachern, the Canadian foreign minister, and Manuel Perez Guerrero, Venezuelan minister of state, led to a compromise agreement to resume substantive bargaining yesterday, one day behind schedule.

The negotiations are conducted in four specialist areas on energy, raw materials, aid and finance.

They meet in private sessions of this week in October and November to agree on a preliminary ministerial conference.

The industrial side, in U.S., Canada, the E.C. and the O.E.C.D., has agreed to discuss the problems preoccupying poor countries.

These are the debts, "World" nations and nations see as the need the purchasing power of oil and other raw materials the vagaries of Western

## Clashes with police as Basques go into second day of strike

BILBAO. — Riot police broke up scattered demonstrations here yesterday after street clashes on Monday which left at least one man seriously wounded by a bullet.

In the centre of Bilbao, baton-swinging police charged demonstrators who set fire to a barricade of paint tins and rubbish.

Outside the city, police fired rubber bullets to disperse another demonstration as more than 50,000 workers in the Basque province of Vizcaya, around Bilbao, went on strike for the second day running. They were protesting against the killing of a Basque demonstrator last week.

Factories shut down by the strike on Monday reopened yesterday in the neighbouring Basque province of

Guipuzcoa, but San Sebastian's two morning rallies did not appear.

Squads of riot police patrolled the Bilbao suburbs of Sestao and Basauri, scene of the worst clashes.

Basque leftist groups have called for another general strike on September 27 to support demands for an amnesty for political prisoners. They claim that less than half of Spain's estimated 630 political prisoners have been freed under an amnesty decreed by King Juan Carlos in July.

Spain's Prime Minister, Adolfo Suarez, shelved the Basque autonomy issue, saying that the new Spanish parliament to be elected by universal, direct and secret suffrage before June next year would be the only body qualified to deal with it. (Reuters)

## Russians charge Foxbat pilot 'forced' to defect

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union last night implicitly charged that Japan and the U.S. had connived at compelling a Russian air force pilot who landed a top-secret jet in Japan last week to seek asylum in the West.

The official Tass news agency, in the first Soviet comment on the affair, said First Lieutenant Viktor Belenko had been on a routine training flight when he lost his bearings, ran out of fuel, and made an emergency landing in northern Japan with his MiG-25 Foxbat, the world's fastest fighter.

Instead of contacting Soviet diplomats, Tass said, the Japanese authorities "put the Soviet pilot into strict isolation which gives grounds for believing that various methods were used to influence him."

The Tass account, which followed the version of the affair which has been disseminated by the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo, said that when Belenko was allowed to meet

a Russian diplomat he sat "like a dummy."

The allegations closely paralleled similar charges issued in Moscow at the weekend when a Soviet newspaper said Olympic diver Sergei Gerasimov had been drugged in Canada in an apparent bid to make him stay in the West.

Meanwhile, Japan's air defence systems are expected to be reviewed following the landing of the MiG-25. One worry is the ease with which the Soviet plane penetrated the Japanese defences when it landed at Hakodate on September 6.

Defence Agency officials said Belenko's Foxbat lost height and disappeared from Japanese radar for almost 25 minutes after it was first spotted about 186 km. northwest of Hakodate.

Two Phantom F-4EJs of the Japanese Air Self Defence Force scrambled to intercept the plane, but lost track of it and returned to base, the officials said. (Reuters)

## Numeiry: Soviets backed coup

KHARTOUM. — Sudanese president Jaafar Numeiry yesterday accused the Soviet Union of being the "great power" behind the abortive coup against him in July, the Sudan news agency reported.

Numeiry said that "Libya was a tool of greater strategy for bringing back the influence of the Soviet Union in the Arab world and in Sudan in particular." The agency added.

Speaking on television, Numeiry attacked the Soviet Union for not condemning "the foreign reaction to the invasion of Sudan" and referred to an article in the Soviet Communist Party paper "Pravda" last week supporting Libya against attacks from "reactionary Arab countries."

Numeiry said he did not want to reveal earlier that the Soviet Union was "the great power behind the July conspiracy" because he had been waiting for the Soviet press to condemn the invasion.

Numeiry also said he was calling back his ambassador to East Berlin because East German head of state Willi Stoph "has sent a congratulatory cable to the Sudanese Communist Party on its 30th anniversary." He said "such an action cannot be accepted for it is against all diplomatic tradition for any head of state to congratulate or even send any message to a dissolved party in a foreign country." (Reuters)

## Soviet chess masters rap Korchnoi

MOSCOW. — World chess champion Anatoly Karpov and 31 other Soviet chess masters signed open letters in the newspaper "Sovetsky Sport" yesterday condemning their former colleague, Viktor Korchnoi, for defecting to Holland.

"The decision of Korchnoi to betray the homeland has deeply staggered and pained me," Karpov said in his letter. Korchnoi, the world's No. 2 player, defected July 27.

"It has staggered me because, despite the current assertions of Korchnoi, there were not and could not have been any hindrances to his creative work in this country," Karpov said.

The Soviet Union has asked the International Chess Federation to bar Korchnoi from the next world championship series. But Federation President Max Euwe has said there is no way to prevent Korchnoi from competing there in his own right. (AP)

## Build a kinder mousetrap...

HELSINKI. — A persistent, tender-hearted Finnish shoemaker has just patented a painless mousetrap.

It took Vaino Huomonen 30 years to develop his idea. A mouse touching the bait in the boxlike device springs a trapdoor which plunges him into a secure cell below.

The trap then returns to its original position to await the next victim. The inventor, who made the trap to save mice from suffering, does not say what should be done with the mice once they are caught. (Reuters)

## UK Antarctic team 'presumed dead'

CAMBRIDGE, England. — Three Britons missing in a blinding snowstorm in Antarctica must now be presumed dead, the headquarters of the British Antarctic Survey said yesterday.

The statement came after the blizzard halted efforts to find the Britons, members of a scientific team that set out September 3 to climb Antarctica's Mt. Peary. They radioed three days later that they had climbed the 2,100-metre peak but nothing has been heard from them since.

During the past few days, said the statement, conditions in the area where the men were missing have been "beyond those of human endurance." (AP)

## State of emergency as new tremors shake Friuli area

UDINE. — The Italian government yesterday declared a state of emergency in the earthquake-stricken Friuli area of northeast Italy after a new outbreak of damaging tremors.

Two deaths have been attributed to the renewed tremors, of which there have been almost 30 since Saturday night. The shocks have caused new destruction and slowed the efforts of the local people to rebuild their villages from the ruins of the May 6 earthquake, in which nearly 1,000 died.

Most villagers are living outdoors (AP)

despite rain, 10-degree temperatures and predictions of colder, stormy weather this week.

A parliamentary commission toured the quake areas on Monday and yesterday to determine reconstruction needs.

About 70,000 Friulians have spent the summer in tent cities, awaiting the building of temporary winter housing. But many of the people of the area are discouraged and frightened by the new outbreak of seismic activity, and thus reluctant to rebuild their homes. (AP)

## Fatahland enclave now 'Israel in Lebanon'

By ALEX EFTY

RMAICH, Lebanon. — This Christian Maronite village and others in the border region formerly known as "Fatahland" now depend heavily on Israeli support against Palestinian or leftist attacks in Lebanon's continuing civil war.

Israeli military patrols cross into Lebanon unopposed so frequently in this vicinity that neighbouring Moslem villagers refer to the small Christian enclave as "Israel in Lebanon."

"We are ready to shake hands with the devil to defend our homes," said Louis Hassouni, the bearded military commander of Rmaich, when asked if his side received military aid from Israel.

A more direct answer was provided by the grenades littered in Hebrew that dangled from his belt and those of his men.

The dark-green grenades were identical to grenades on the belts of Israeli troops patrolling the border just one mile from the village.

The green fatigues, peaked caps and boots worn by the Christian Lebanese fighters, as well as the American rifles they carried, matched those worn and carried by the Israelis.

At first Hassouni insisted that his weapons came from the stocks of the disintegrated Lebanese army. "My men are former soldiers who came here with their weapons to defend their villages," he said.

But he brushed aside direct questions about the grenades on his belt and the presence of at least two Soviet-made armoured personnel carriers observed in the Maronite enclave.

The Lebanese army never had any Soviet weapons. He was asked if they were provided by Israel.

"We made them ourselves in the village," blurted a young militiaman with a chuckle.

"It is immaterial where they came from, we get our weapons from wherever possible," Hassouni said.

Israel captured a number of Soviet armoured personnel carriers from the Syrian and Egyptian Armies in the Yom Kippur War.

"Those armoured cars could not have reached the Maronite villages except through Israel," claimed a leftist militiaman at a roadblock outside Bint Jbeil near here.

This is the capital and main road junction of this mountainous, predominantly Moslem administrative district. The roadblock controls the only Lebanese road to the Christian enclave.

"No traffic could reach Rmaich or the other Maronite villages from Lebanon without passing through here and we certainly would not have allowed any armoured cars through," the leftist militiaman added.

The string of four Maronite Christian villages — Rmaich, Ein Ebel, Debel and Al-Mashab, with a total population of about 10,000 — form a tiny bubble against the Israeli border in southern Lebanon.

The Maronite villages of Kleia and Khazbe comprise a similar pocket 35 kilometres north, along the road that runs parallel to the border.

The approaches to each of the villages are guarded by roadblocks manned by armed militia members, some only boys and girls in their

early teens. Most wear khaki uniforms with the Cedar insignia of the Phalange Party — the main Christian fighting force in Lebanon's civil war — on their shoulders.

This correspondent was refused entry to the village of Kleia. The owner of a small general store in the small Greek Orthodox Christian village of Deir Minna, four kilometres down the road, shook with laughter when he heard this. The Greek Orthodox have avoided becoming involved in the sectarian conflict.

"Of course they didn't want you in, specially to take photos. You arrived at the same time that the Israeli troops visit them daily with supplies," the grocer said.

Last week troops of the breakaway leftist "Arab Army of Lebanon" became so upset at the influx of Israeli merchandise across the border that they seized all they could find and made a bonfire in the main market place of a nearby town.

Residents of southern villages sell their tobacco crop to Israel in return for the Israeli goods. Green tobacco fields stretch right up to the wire fence that runs along the border.

Hassouni complained that the government in Beirut — which runs a state tobacco monopoly — had failed to buy the local crop for the second year running.

"They never do anything for us, they never protect us from the Palestinian terrorists," he added.

Before the civil war, the poor

mountain border area known as Fatahland — known Palestinian Arab territory which, with other territories, used the region to stage attacks on Israel.

In the past few months, the terrorist presence has increased, and the once famed fortified houses along mountain peaks are no longer safe.

The terrorists and moved out to join the Beirut and other battle fronts.

"We have no quarrel with Moslem neighbours — only Palestinians who want to own our country, and their left wing," Hassouni said.

He reported that troops border area developed on last month, when four Fatah fighters were killed.

Since then the Maronite life is as if under siege.

"We are completely isolated, we have to take precautions," added.

He said many of the villagers who worked in Beirut were returning, but they were not allowed to join the home-guard militia.

How were they getting it? no Maronite would say. through the leftist-held area, the Maronite said.

"They manage," he replied.

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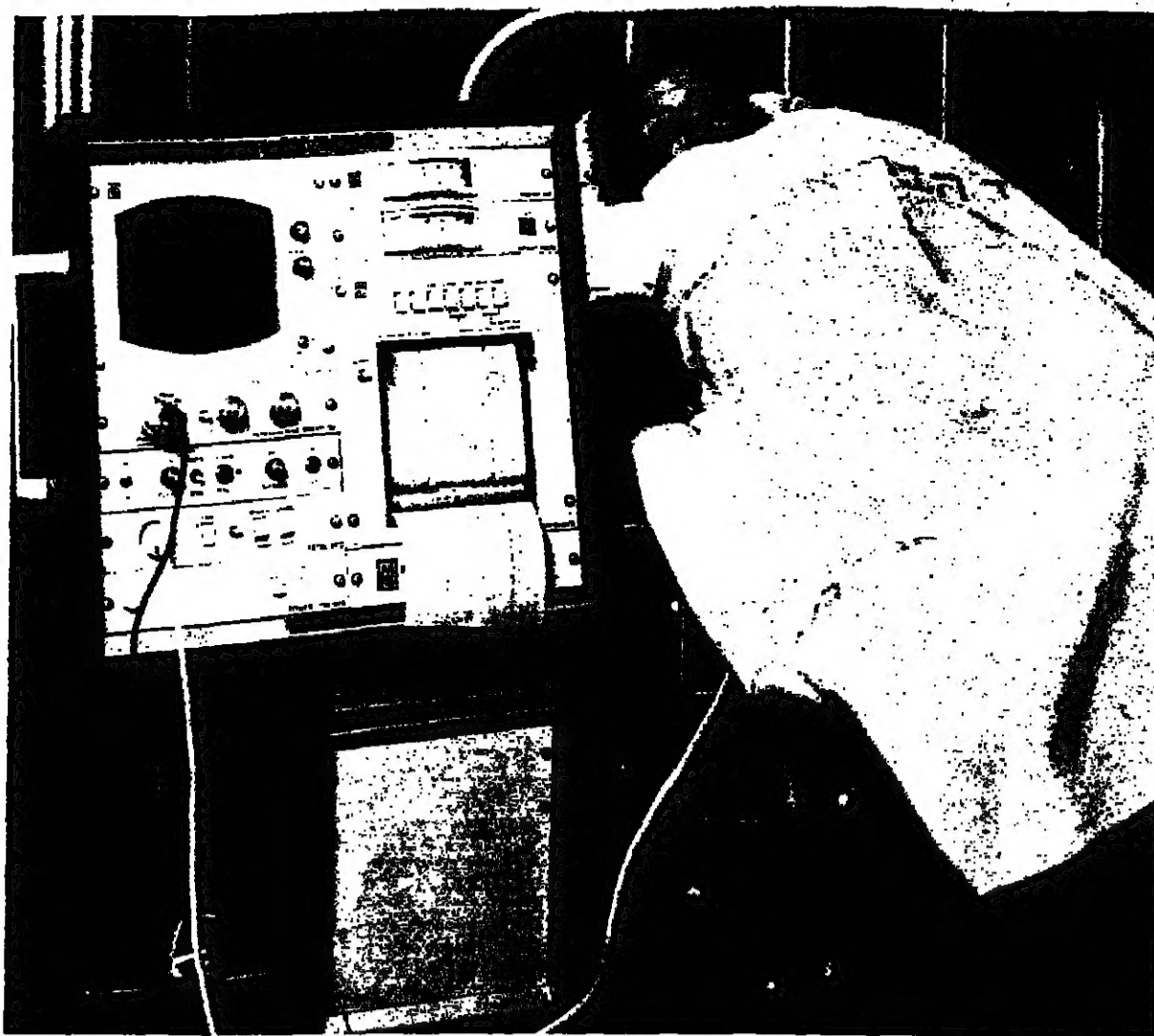
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MOSCOW. — They will attend. The Anatoly Kabletsov will be concentrating on a single pavilion. There will be an Italian pavilion and a British house, while other foreign manufacturers will be represented by their local agents. The exhibition will be open for four days.

Israeli firms made \$10m. worth of sales in the first six months of this year. This may not be much in terms of international trade, but it is a major achievement in an industry manufacturing sophisticated equipment in very small series. What is even more impressive is that exports started only in 1965 and have grown from \$135,000 to \$14m. last year. They are likely to top the \$20m. mark this year.

There are over 100 manufac-



A fetal monitoring system assesses intrauterine pressure during labour and delivery, including monitoring the heartbeat of the unborn child.

turers of such equipment in Israel. Most began as family businesses. Icarus Health Equipment Development of Netanya, as one such company calls itself, belongs to Uzy and Reuven Danziger. Reuven, the father, is a highly skilled locksmith. Uzy, the 27-year-old son, was wounded in the War of Attrition and came home a quadriplegic. Father and son set up a brain trust to help Uzy regain a little of his independence.

Their first product was an "Easy Transfer Wheelchair" to facilitate use of the chair (and transfer to it) by means of a sliding board which is attached to the chair and folds up. Uzy, (using his shoulder blades only) drives his own car and helps run the company, as well as providing it with a constant flow of new ideas in

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Another major innovation is the Scan Ex — a computerized Axial Tomographic system comprising an ultra-fast mechanical X-ray scanner which rotates around the patient's body and records vertical "slices" of the patient's body in varying depth. This is, of course, an oversimplified description of a complex instrument.

There are fetal monitoring systems for assessing intrauterine pressure during labour and delivery, including means of monitoring the heartbeat of the unborn infant. A host of other instruments includes complete monitoring systems for cardiac wards and intensive coronary units where every patient is constantly monitored and medical staff are alerted at the slightest irregularity in heart beat rates or arrhythmic failures.

## Israelis lack knowledge problems of nutrition

We may live in a developed society, but we have very little knowledge about the proper nutrition. This goes for our medical school graduates too. MACABEE DEAN talks to a specialist on vitamins.

IS THERE really any reason why Israeli babies should get cod liver oil daily during their first year of life to help the body absorb calcium and prevent rickets?

"No," says Dr. Shmuel Edelstein, of Ichilov Hospital, who is a specialist on the use of vitamins in particular and on nutrition in general, and who is the Secretary of the Organizing Committee of the four medical symposia which will be held at Expo-Medical '76. Some 200 Israelis will attend these day-long symposia (opening today). They will be joined by 80 physicians from abroad, mainly from the U.S., Europe and Australia. One of these symposia will be devoted to the "assessment of the nutritional status in man."

Dr. Edelstein explains that cod liver oil, which is rich in Vitamin D, is a necessity in most European countries, especially the northern ones where sunshine is a rare commodity. "But in Israel, which is flooded by sunshine — which has the same effect as Vitamin D — there is no reason to give it."

He adds that, "I don't think it hurts the babies; but it certainly doesn't do them any good. It does, however, cause an economic drain on the country, for we are buying something we don't need."

In general, he finds that although Israel might be a developed country, its residents "have little knowledge of the problems of nutrition, especially those which afflict a 'well-fed' society." This goes also for the graduates of Israel's four medical schools, for the young doctors get only a handful of lectures on the subject. Moreover, little stress is put on these lectures in the overall curriculum. And in certain matters, they are given to the medical student in the early years of his studies "so he has a long time to forget them."

For this reason, Dr. Edelstein was instrumental in bringing to Israel three international experts on



No need for cod liver oil when we've got all this sunshine.

problems of nutrition. They are Dr. Fritz Weber, of Switzerland (whose wife is a "Righteous Gentile"); Dr. R. Fraser, of England; and Dr. D. I. Thurnham, also of England. Dr. Weber and Thurnham developed the modern system to assess the amount of vitamins in the blood stream. Dr. Fraser, probably the world's foremost authority on Vitamin D, has formulated the theory that it is not a vitamin at all, but is changed in the kidneys to a "hormone steroid."

Dr. Edelstein says that Israelis are also mistaken in believing that because they have an "abundance of fruits, vegetables and proteins" at their disposal, they are eating a healthy diet. Perhaps they are — but "very few surveys have been taken to either prove or disprove this belief."

What is certain is that groups in the population nutritional requirements doubt that they receive are the elderly, who need mineral supplement mothers who need vitamins and minerals those which the body born baby; and infant wide range of nutritive healthy growth.

"Most hospitals in even test for vitamins sentinal elements in groups," he says. And Israelis also a problem: obesity. The eating too much of the and too much of the The result is the same person.

## Trimming the Germans of their excess weight

By JOHN DORNBERG  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MUNICH. — What is it that really makes the Germans ugly? Obesity. So says Katharina Focke, West Germany's Minister of Health, Welfare and Social Affairs, who has launched a drive to trim the nation of its excess pounds.

Frau Focke, herself a shapely 5-foot-7, 61 kg., 54-year-old, maintains that half of all adult West Germans are at least 10 per cent overweight. This, she contends, costs the country's compulsory national health insurance programme almost \$7b. a year in the treatment of cardiovascular, kidney and pancreatic ailments and other diseases related to obesity and fatty cuisine.

Although the nation is already obsessed with a "trim-diet-fit" mania and although affluent, urbane, widely-travelled West Germans no longer regard pigs' knuckles with dumplings as the epitome of culinary achievement, the Ministry of Health has now inaugurated a campaign to put the country into better shape.

### Over-eating

Budgeted at \$1m. for the remainder of this year, it will inundate West Germans with propaganda brochures, newspaper and magazine advertisements and television spots to warn them of the dangers of over-eating and the consequences of being overweight.

Besides advising people how to cook less heavily, to observe basic rules such as cutting down on sweets, starches, alcohol and not to nibble between meals, the campaign slogans are designed to reach all the fears and anxieties that dwell deep in the German soul: "Fat is Ugly," "Fat Diminishes Sex Appeal," "Pounds are Incompatible with Potency."

Meanwhile, working on a government grant, the University of Göttingen has been conducting laboratory experiments on human guinea pigs to determine why people consume more calories than they need.

But does that imply that half of all West Germans are emotionally disturbed? "Well, not really," a Health Ministry spokesman admitted, adding the crucial question: "Have you tried our beers and pastry?"



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The performance of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday was mixed. The General Index was down 0.23 percent to 140.44 points. The oil stocks, however, were the main factor behind the decline. The price of shares in the oil sector fell as much as 10 percent.

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## For a hospital settlement

THE ISRAEL MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENT is in an uproar. The nurses have scheduled a strike beginning today, while the doctors have started to "work by the book" and are threatening mass resignations.

The nurses' grievances have received ample coverage by now; the complaints of the doctors have so far been discussed rather quietly. But the root cause of the trouble in both professions is the same: it is the difficulty of finding enough nurses and doctors to work in hospitals, especially in the smaller hospitals with no outstanding name, or far from the big cities.

The difficulty stems from the simple fact that the hard work involved in working with hospital patients, either as nurse or as doctor, what with night shifts and stand-by duty, is not being adequately remunerated. Higher pay and better working conditions would certainly induce young nurses and doctors to take up these arduous duties, if only for a few years, and thus eliminate the existing shortage.

A settlement of the dispute with the nurses would have been possible had their union accepted the Government's offer of special treatment for hospital nurses, who are a minority in their profession. This would be in keeping with the Barkai Committee recommendations, and would not violate current wage policies.

The union leadership, however, wishes all nurses to hop on the hospital bandwagon, which the Government rightly fears will merely set off a disastrous chain reaction of wage demands throughout the economy. For the sake of the nurses themselves, it is to be hoped that the union will opt for the acceptance of the Government's offer. A strike for intolerable demands, as they have already been warned, would only lose them public support.

As for the doctors, their demands are somewhat more modest. The Israel Medical Association is willing to allow — at this stage of the game, at any rate — that only hospital doctors working night shifts should get higher pay, demanding at the same time that there should be an increased doctor-patient bed ratio. This is a position which appears to be amenable to negotiation, and a reasonable compromise, without repercussions outside the hospitals.

## A political hobby-horse

EVER SINCE THE TRAUMA of the Yom Kippur War Israelis have become inured to a steady diet of warnings about the danger of euphoria and complacency.

There is nothing essentially wrong with that; we cannot be too careful this time around. It is therefore well to be reminded, however often, that our enemies — some of them at least — are getting stronger all the time; that they have not yet abandoned the hope of defeating us in some future war which they would again attempt to spring upon us as a surprise; and that even when they have signed some temporary accord which commits them to cease-fire and seek ways of reaching peace, our enemies may attempt to circumvent their undertakings and to violate them.

But a sense of proportion should be kept about the threats actually facing the country, and about the adequacy of the measures taken by the authorities to meet them. The worst offender in this regard is, without a doubt, that old soldier and war hero, Ahuf (Res.) Ariel Sharon, whose address at a conference of the Zionist Organization of America in New York on Sunday was a more scandalous performance than any Oppositionist would have allowed himself at home.

Rather self-righteously, Mr. Sharon assured his American-Jewish audience that he thought it wrong, as a matter of principle, to attack his Government while on a visit abroad. What made him change his mind, on that particular occasion, were some statements made by Mr. Rabin in an interview granted to a U.S. weekly magazine.

In it, according to Mr. Sharon, the Prime Minister told lies — about the size of U.S. military assistance to Israel, and about the value of Egypt's war potential — which he would not have dared to make to the well-informed Israeli public. Someone should have informed Mr. Sharon that statements by Israeli leaders in foreign media are immediately reproduced in the local press, and that pronouncements by reserve generals abroad are also made readily available to the people of this country.

Mr. Sharon would really have a pretty hard time persuading most people here that our leaders are prevaricating about the extent of Egyptian violations of the Sinai accord in order not to hurt the Ford Administration in the present election campaign; and that they are telling us falsehoods — presumably for the same reason — when they say that all of Israel's contracts for arms from the U.S. to date are being faithfully fulfilled.

Did Mr. Sharon expect a better response to his wild charges from the audience of American Zionists? The ostensible purpose of his strange address was to help rekindle the old Zionist spirit in the largest diaspora. It would seem, though, that he chose the wrong forum from which to urge U.S. Jews to stop giving to the United Jewish Appeal and to buy Bonds, and instead — a mad-cap scheme if there ever was one — to set up their own town, or enterprise, which would be run "according to American standards of living and behaviour." A "little America" in Israel is, according to this veteran fighter, what this country, and the Jewish people, need most at this time.

Some friend of Mr. Sharon would do well to advise him, without delay, that the image of a middle-aged general in mad gallop on a political hobby-horse ill befits him; and that he may easily fall off it, and break his neck. This might serve him right, but it would not necessarily help the cause of Israel's preparedness.

## Dry Bones



### READERS' LETTERS

#### MORE SCOPE FOR NURSES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — While agreeing with most of the claims in your article on nursing ("It's the work not the pay" — September 3), I think some of the blame must be attributed to the nursing organizations themselves.

In my ten years in Israel, I have had the privilege of working with nurses in hospitals, in urban clinics and in rural settlements. When I see the work carried out by those in the settlements, and the attitude with which it is performed, I am continually surprised by the gross waste of very special manpower in the other two situations. To the great benefit of all concerned, the rural nurses take upon themselves every day authority and decisions way beyond what the urban-oriented nursing union — or Kupat Holim Workers' Committee — would tolerate, or the Ministry of Health sanction. Thus the doctors are freed for more efficient use of their time for more patients receive more prompt and efficient medical care and the nurses fulfil their vocation.

But on inquiring why the nurses in urban clinics do not do the same, I am given to understand that the Ministry of Health confines them, and the Nurses Union and the Works Committees are so intent on protecting nurses from any possible

responsibility for any actions that might, as is in the very nature of the work, result in untoward effects, that they support rather than protest against this approach. I further understand that one of the roots of this attitude is the fact that a very large proportion of our nurses are 'practical nurses' and really would not be qualified to undertake the sort of responsibility that I am referring to and in our pseudo-egalitarian society, all must be reduced to the lowest common denominator and thus even fully-qualified nurses are prevented from doing what they are trained to do.

Thus a qualified nurse, after being selected for a rare combination of personal qualities and given three years' training and education, is reduced to performing in practice little more than a medical dresser in the army after a six-week course. I should like to hear the nurses much more vocal in their demand for increased scope to use their skills properly. It might even start a revolution in Israel medical organizations. The example is there in the settlements.

DR. JUSTIN P. PHILLIPS  
Arad.

### ISRAEL'S HEALTH MANPOWER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The problem of Israel's health manpower situation (noted in your issue of August 23) is in fact, as Minister Shemtov notes, worldwide in nature. To wholly blame him for the present situation is, in my view, a mistake. A better candidate for legitimate criticism is the former Director-General of the Ministry of Health, Baruch Padah, who first opposed the establishment of a Health Manpower Planning Unit and then did everything in his power to destroy its effectiveness, which led to our being forced to leave Israel with our work unfinished and to the disbandment of the Unit with a further loss of young professional people who left the country.

In an article I wrote for the "Israel Public Health Journal," I projected a continuing shortage of nurses. It is an unpleasant but unmistakable fact of life. I did suggest, however, alternatives aimed at changing the role of the nurse, the use of army personnel, and changes in the economic situation along with other courses of action.

The question of the role of Hatzdrot hospitals versus Government hospitals is a political power-vote question that someone who really is concerned with the quality of care should look into.

Finally, I would suggest the re-establishment of the Health Manpower Unit. Such a unit would need a mandate and support to touch the situation effectively. Israel has wonderful and innovative professionals and I know that you will persevere if you will identify the real problems and work at them.

PROFESSOR H. RUBINSTEIN  
former Deputy Director-General  
for Health Manpower  
Ministry of Health, Israel  
Michigan, U.S.A.

#### ORDE WINGATE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The closing paragraph of today's instalment of Dayan's autobiography (September 5) gives the impression that Orde Wingate was killed in action leading his Chindits. Actually he was killed when the R.A.F. Communications Squadron aircraft in which he was a passenger crashed into a mountain in northern Burma. The crash was caused neither by enemy action nor by sabotage.

DR. E. MORRIS  
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### VIEWPOINT

## THE WRONG JOB FOR THE RIGHT MAN

ASHER YADLIN is one of the country's most competent administrators. But his temperament is that of the doer, not of the controller or adviser. And his appointment as Governor of the Bank of Israel poses many questions, writes HASHOEL.

LAST WEEK the Government decided on an appointment of the utmost importance for the future of Israel: that of the new Governor of the Bank of Israel.

In the Cabinet, only one Minister expressed reservations on the ground that the appointee, Asher Yadlin, is too closely identified with one political party and might not be able to maintain the necessary impartiality. The same apprehension was voiced in other quarters, but it was brushed aside in the large mass of congratulatory remarks.

It may seem presumptuous to express doubt about the soundness of the appointment after the Cabinet approved it without a dissenting vote, but even if it is too late to revoke the appointment I believe it important that the reservations be aired. Theoretically, the President, whose approval is required before the appointment takes effect, can ask the Government to reconsider it, but that would be a revolutionary act.

Asher Yadlin has shown himself to be one of the country's most competent administrators. While at Hevrat Ordlim and later at Kupat Holim, he evinced an ability to work with people at the top level who were jealous of their prerogatives in their area of responsibility and together with them to advance the activities of the bodies they were leading.

#### SUCCESS AT KUPAT HOLIM

When Yadlin was proposed as director-general of Kupat Holim, it will be recalled, there was violent opposition from the doctors, who insisted that the job called for a medical man. Nevertheless, he succeeded in working together with the top medical men of Kupat Holim, and there is no doubt that under his leadership Kupat Holim advanced rapidly.

What, however, one comes to consider the appointment of a person to any position, and certainly to one so sensitive and central as that of the Governor of the Bank of Israel, one must ask oneself whether the candidate is the man for that particular job — and whether that particular job is for him. And with due respect to the decision taken by the Cabinet, I suggest that the true answer to both these questions is No.

THE GOVERNOR of the Bank of Israel is first and foremost responsible

for the country's money supply and its operations through the banking system, and also for the proper care of Israel's foreign currency reserves. Secondly, he acts as adviser to the Cabinet on economic policy.

Thus, the post calls for a man familiar with the operations of the country's banking system in an overall sense, who both by training and instinct can be expected to make the right decisions for the economy as a whole. The second, advisory, function is an extremely sensitive one. The first Governor of the Bank, David Horowitz, thanks to his personal standing, was able to maintain his independence from the Treasury's internal discussions on economic policy, and at meetings of the Cabinet or the Ministerial Economic Committee he would give his impartial opinion.

#### QUESTION OF PRESTIGE

Horowitz's successor, Moshe Sanbar, was also capable of taking decisions on such issues, but he found himself involved at too low a level in the actual policy discussions and was unable to achieve that independent prestige that would give him standing in policy making.

Both Horowitz and Sanbar are persons whose whole experience was in macro-economics of the country, namely its overall economic policy. And reviewing their periods of office today, with their strengths and weaknesses, it cannot be denied that they were competent to fill the post. David Horowitz built up an efficient central bank with a strong research department, which gained a high international reputation. Moshe Sanbar worked to strengthen the Department of the Examiner of Banks.

WERE THERE A VACANCY in one of the service ministries — say Health, Transport, Communications, or Housing — Asher Yadlin might make an ideal Minister, precisely because he has a political background, and the drive, imagination, and personality to lead other people in practical endeavour. But neither Yadlin's training, nor his background, nor his personality fit him for the Governorship of the Bank of Israel. He is not familiar instinctively with the country's monetary system, he cannot be ex-



Asher Y.

pected to give overall advice on policy matters that of the highly professional senior officials.

His temperament, doer, not of the controller or adviser. It would seem that the Cabinet has the right man and the wrong job.

The country's economy is, and the Prime Minister at least once a week, to Israel than any other country. To get the problems of the Government to show inspiring leadership, to strengthen the economic leadership of this juncture has been that Kupat Holim administrator is clear leadership of the country's monetary system, he cannot be ex-

correspondingly stressed.

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